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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN BERLIN

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1. WE APPRECIATE DIFFICULTY OF MAINTAINING TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT ON COMPROMISE TEXT, BUT TONE OF FRENCH REDRAFT (REFTEL) STRIKES AS EXCESSIVELY DEFENSIVE. WE WOULD HOPE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT RISKING EXCESSIVE DELAY AT LEAST TO MAKE FOLLOWING COSMETIC CHANGES IN PARAGRAPHS B AND C.

A. FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH B MIGHT BE GIVEN MORE POSITIVE TONE IF RECAST AS FOLLOWS:

"THE QA AND ITS ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS ARE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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BASED ON THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT THE FEDERAL PRESENCE

IN WSB IS TO BE REDUCED. MOREOVER, NO PROVISION TO THIS EFFECT IS CONTAINED IN THE QA AND ITS ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS."

B. FINAL SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH C MIGHT ALSO BE REVISED SLIGHTLY AS FOLLOWS:

"THIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ACT ONLY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE QA AND ITS ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS,..."

2. CONCERNING POINTS ON BERLIN AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE RAISED PARA 5 REFTEL:

A. WORD "DRAFT" BEFORE "LEGISLATION RESPECTING SUCH AN AGENCY" IS TECHNICALLY CORRECT IN BK/L SINCE LEGISLATION PASSED BY BUNDESTAG AND PROMULGATED IN FRG REMAINS "DRAFT" BERLIN LEGISLATION UNTIL IT IS ACTED UPON BY BERLIN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

B. WE WOULD NOT ENVISAGE REPEATING FULL SCENARIO, INCLUDING SENAT REQUEST WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT OFFICE IN BERLIN. WE WOULD JUDGE IT SUFFICIENT FOR ALLIES TO INCLUDE IN AUTHORIZING BK/L AT TIME HOUSE IS TO ACT ON BUNDESTAG LAW STATEMENT THAT THEY WERE WILLING FOR SENAT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMANENT OFFICE TO BE LOCATED IN BERLIN.

C. WE WOULD CONSIDER IT PROPER TO INFORM BELETSKIY
EITHER IN OUR FORMAL RESPONSE TO HIS DEMARCHE, OR IN
A PARENTHETICAL COMMENT WHEN OUR RESPONSE IS MADE,
THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM OFFICE HAS BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED "IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES."
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE NOT FOUND RECORD OF ESTABLISHMENT
OF OFFICE SIMILAR TO PROPOSED INTERIM ENVIRONMENT OFFICE,
ESSENTIAL POINT IS THAT FRG GOVERNMENTAL DECISION
WOULD BE GIVEN EFFECT IN BERLIN NOT DIRECTLY BUT ONLY
THROUGH BERLIN ACTION, INCLUDING ALLIED REVIEW AND
AUTHORIZATION, WHICH WE CONSIDER TO BE RELEVANT
"ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE." POINT CAN, HOWEVER, BE
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